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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Education Agency Principals, Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: AdvancED Michigan and Michigan Department of Education
Spring 2012 School Improvement Conference

AdvancED Michigan and the Michigan Department of Education's Office of Education Improvement and Innovation are co-sponsoring the Spring 2012 School Improvement Conference on March 29-30, 2012, at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. The pre-conference workshop will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The full-day conference will be held on Friday, March 30, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

This year's conference theme is "*Going Digital: Ready, Set, Accelerate!*" Conference highlights include a keynote address from Dr. Mark Elgart; "*A Place We Used to Call School*," an address by Mike Flanagan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and breakout sessions by national expert in the digital learning process, Ferdi Serim. Another feature of this conference will be the sharing of information relative to the streamlining of the existing school improvement process and online deliverables.

The AdvancED Michigan and Michigan Department of Education Spring Conference will offer a wide array of presentations and breakout sessions from educators and practitioners throughout Michigan, with the emphasis on digital instruction and learning to help schools and districts with their school improvement efforts and initiatives. Other topics offered at the conference include Common Core State Standards, Michigan Continuous School Improvement (MI-CSI) Training Kit for teachers, principals and educators, new AdvancED Standards for Quality, online perception surveys for schools, Title I and state legislation, and AdvancED website technical support for schools and districts.

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If you have specific questions pertaining to this conference, please contact Diane Joslin-Gould at Joslin-GouldD@michigan.gov. Conference registration and information is available through the Michigan Institute for Educational Management's (MIEM) website at www.gomiem.org.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance